

## CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A method of using a portable dressing blind, comprising the steps of:
  - a) providing a tube of flexible material with first and second open ends;
  - b) providing a sheath around at least part of the first end of the tube;
  - c) providing a flap of flexible material on part of the second end of the tube;
  - d) providing a plurality of rods including a first and last rod;
  - e) inserting the rods in the sheath such that the first and last rods are on opposite sides of the opening of the first end of the tube;
  - f) standing on the flap and manually gripping the sheath to hold the first and last rods up, apart, and approximately parallel, thus holding the tube of flexible material in a vertical orientation with the first end of the tube at the top and the second end held down by the flap.
2. A portable dressing blind, comprising:
  - an enclosure of flexible material having first, second, third, and fourth generally vertical sides, each side having a top edge and bottom edge, the top edges defining a top of the enclosure, the bottom edges defining a bottom of the enclosure;
  - a continuous sleeve along the top edges of the first, second, and third sides, the sleeve having first and second ends, at least one of said ends having an opening;
  - the fourth side of the enclosure having a flap extending at least 6 inches from the bottom edge;
  - a first generally rigid rod having approximately the length of the first top edge and inserted in the sleeve of the first top edge;
  - a second generally rigid rod having approximately the length of the second top edge and inserted in the sleeve of the second top edge; and
  - a third generally rigid rod having approximately the length of the third top edge and inserted in the sleeve of the third top edge.

- 5           3. A method of using the dressing blind of claim 2, comprising the steps of a person standing on the flap; manually gripping the sheath; and holding the first and third rods up, apart, and approximately parallel, thus holding the enclosure of flexible material in a vertical orientation with the bottom of the enclosure held down by the flap.
- 10           4. The dressing blind of claim 2 wherein said opening in at least one end of the sleeve is vertically elongated, and comprises an upper closed part and a lower entry part.
- 15           5. A portable dressing blind comprising:  
an enclosure of fabric with first, second, third, and fourth vertical sides, each side having a width, a top edge, and a bottom edge;  
a continuous sheath sewn around the top edges of the first, second, and third sides;  
first, second, and third rods inserted into the sheath end-to-end, each rod extending across approximately the width of the respective first, second,  
20           and third sides;  
a flap of fabric extending at least 6 inches from the bottom edge of the fourth side; and  
no vertical support pole;  
whereby a person can stand on the flap and lift the top edges of the enclosure  
25           by manually gripping the sheath on the first and third rods.
- 30           6. A method of using the dressing blind of claim 5, comprising the steps of a person standing on the flap; manually gripping the sheath; and holding the first and third rods up, apart, and approximately parallel, thus holding the enclosure of flexible material in a vertical orientation with the bottom of the enclosure held down by the flap.